



Monthly Grace Notes

Grace Christian School

Growing in Faith, Hope, and Love

"When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child.
When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me." 1 Corinthians 13:11
"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen!" 2 Peter 3:18

February, 2012

Open House for Prospective Families

Cascade Christian High School • Grace Christian School



Wednesday, February 22 at 9:00 am (CCHS) & 1:00 pm (GCS)
Tuesday, March 6 at 8:30 am (Both Schools)
Tuesday, March 13 at 1:00 pm (Both Schools)
Wednesday, April 18 at 8:30 am (Both Schools)
Tuesday, May 8 at 1:00 pm (Both Schools)
Tuesday, May 15 at 8:30 am (Both Schools)

School is in session so that prospective families may visit classrooms and view grade level curriculum. Keep in mind the event is designed for new families interested in GCS! If you are a current family and know of someone who is interested in the school, feel free to accompany them to this event.

Minimum Day at GCS • Friday, February 3

Minimum day dismissal times are as follows:

1st & 2nd: 11:35 3rd & 4th: 11:45 5th & 6th: 11:55 7th & 8th: 12:00

Re-Enrollment for 2012/2013

The next school year seems so far away, but we have already started budgeting and planning. The MOST important part of our budgeting for next year is YOU! We are sending information about re-enrollment, along with a form on which you can indicate your plans for next year. Please send that form back to the school office right away to reserve your child's space for the 2012/2013 school year. Your **REGISTRATION FEE** is not due until May 1. This payment secures your child's space for the 2012/2013 school year.

Prefer to re-enroll online? Complete your Intent to Re-Enroll Form on ParentsWeb!

From the ParentsWeb main page, choose **Web Forms** from the School Information Menu, then select the **Current Family Re-Enrollment Form**. Complete all pertinent information, date the form, and click **SAVE** to submit the form electronically. That's it! No need to turn in the paper copy of your form.

The information you give us affects details that are important to you and your child, such as how many teachers we can hire, our class sizes, and the specialties we can offer. Of course, **our hope is that every one of you will be returning all of your students to us**. However, it is equally important for us to know if you are NOT planning to send your child back, so PLEASE send those re-enrollment forms in as soon as possible.

Another thing you can do to help is **tell your Christian friends about Grace Christian Schools and invite them to attend one of our upcoming Open House events!** You are the heart and soul of our school and the best representation of the benefits of GCS. You may also call Terry Roehl, our Admissions Director at (541) 858-7257 and he can make sure that your friends get important information about Grace Christian Schools and our upcoming events.



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- February 3
ACSI Spelling Bee
- February 3
* CALENDAR CHANGE
MINIMUM DAY
Spelling Bee/Staff
Inservice
- February 7 • 2:00 pm
Volunteer Orientation
- February 15
* CALENDAR CHANGE
Regular School Day
- February 20
NO SCHOOL
Presidents' Day
- February 22 • 1:00 pm
Open House for
Prospective Families
- March 2
Pastor Appreciation Day
- March 6 • 8:30 am
Open House for
Prospective Families
- March 11
Daylight Savings
Time Begins
- March 13 • 1:00 pm
Open House for
Prospective Families
- March 14
MINIMUM DAY
Staff Inservice
- March 15 • 1:50 pm
Winter Sports Pep Assembly
- March 20 & 22
Middle School Musical
Fiddler on the Roof Jr.
- March 26 - 30
NO SCHOOL
Spring Break

Middle School News



The GCS Middle School presents *Fiddler on the Roof, Junior*

Set in the little village of Anatevka in turn of the century Russia, *Fiddler on the Roof, Junior* is the classic tale of Tevye the Dairyman, and his struggle to hold on to tradition in the face of a changing world. The musical will be co-directed by Band Instructor Michael Reimer and Middle School Principal Linda Olson.

Mark your calendars now for performances on March 20 and 22, 2012.*

**Please refrain from making vacation plans during this time period as it is our hope that every Middle School student would be able to participate in this special school event.*

Middle School Gold Card Outing at Lava Lanes

The Quarterly Gold Card Outing is to recognize those students holding a Gold Card for the entire quarter who have been faithful in their academic work and personal conduct. For the 2nd quarter 6th, 7th, & 8th grade Gold Card students will be going to Lava Lanes on February 9. The cost for the student is \$3.00 with the school paying the addition \$2.00 per student. Students need to be sure to wear or bring socks. Congratulations to the Gold Card students!

Track Season Begins Soon

New this year: 6th graders will be able to participate along with the 7th and 8th graders in track! In mid-February, Mrs. Schmeusser will be sending out a sports survey to the 6th, 7th and 8th grade homeroom teachers. This will give us an idea of how many kids plan on coming out for track, so if you are interested, please sign-up. Remember, track isn't just running – there is shot put, turbo-javelin, discus, long jump, triple jump, high jump, hurdles, relay teams, sprints and long distance. Practice will start on Monday, March 5th.



Thank You, Mr. Miller!

With the end of first semester, comes the end of an era. Mr. Gary Miller, Grace Christian Schools' Director of Development, is retiring. We thank you, Mr. Miller, for all of your efforts in Gifts of Grace, Financial Aid, CCHS Flyfishing Class, Bear Creek Restoration Project, and much, much more! We deeply appreciate your investment in the lives of our students! God Bless You!

A Note from Mr. Johnson

This month we ask you as parents to let us know your plans for your children and their education for the 2012-2013 school year. We are gathering information and projecting what it will cost us to operate our Christian schools this fall. We have worked hard to keep tuitions affordable. Our schools' main income source is from tuition and fees. Utilities, minimum wage, and insurance costs continue to rise. This year it has been our priority to assist parents during these economic times by awarding over \$500,000 in financial aid. We realize the sacrifices parents are making to give their children a Christian education, accompanied by the willingness of our staff to work for nearly 35% less than the government schools pay. Over thirty of our employees make minimum wage.

God continues to bless all our efforts as we see students score well on national tests, have great success in musical productions, and represent Christ well on the field, in the pool, and on the court. In these times, we are reminded that we are praying for and preparing our students to be the righteous leaders to the next generation.

I support you as you contemplate and pray for God's direction for what your child's future might be. The time is short and they will soon be an adult. The education, opportunities, and Christian training we give our students now will pay great dividends later.

This month we also begin our series of Open Houses and drop in events. Please take the opportunity to share with a Christian relative, neighbor, or friend about our schools. We appreciate your prayers and support, as well as your quick response with re-enrollment information.

Ray Johnson
Superintendent

THE GREAT WESTERN ROUND UP

PRESENTS:

The Basket Brigade

Here is a sampling of some of basket themes that the classrooms have come up with.

Tea for Two
Up, Up and Away
Dr. Seuss
You're a Good Sport
Get Fit
Animal Kingdom
Take the Cake
Baby, Baby, Baby
Music to my Ears
Star Wars
Ducks & Beavers
Christmas Time
Angry Birds
Sleepless in Seattle
Just Grillin'
Transport Me
When I Grow Up

Hand Carved Chess Set
In the Garden
It's Your Birthday
and many more to come!



AUCTION NIGHT

Saturday, April 21st
4:00 pm to 9:00 pm

PREVIEW NIGHT

Friday, April 20th
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Previewing baskets and auction items is **FREE**. Also come on Preview Night to catch the

Bucking Bronco Championship!

Admission to the Bucking Bronco Championship is \$3.00 for adults, children 5 and under are free.

Giddy-Up

KOOL Teacher of the Week

Rogue Federal Credit Union and KOOL 103.5 would like to honor your teacher as the **KOOL Teacher of The Week!** Nominate them for the honor, and if they are chosen they will receive an incredible gift basket of goodies from Harry & David, Kelly's Automotive Service, Sally's Diner, Dutch Bros., and a couple CD's from Celtic band, Gypsy Soul. What a fantastic way to bless your teacher! Log in to www.kool1035.com to make your nomination.



Well Said

"It cannot be emphasized too clearly and too often that this nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religion, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason, peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here."
Patrick Henry, May, 1765



ACSI Spelling Bee Finalists

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified to participate in the ACSI Spelling Bee, hosted by Grace Christian School on February 3, 2012.

1 st Grade	Makyah Dalton Caleb Wilcox
2 nd Grade	Mina Schepmann Corbin McPheeters
3 rd Grade	Trystan Norris Hannah Krug
4 th Grade	Mekella Wong Lauren Anderchuk
5 th Grade	Cole Daneman Jake Seig
6 th Grade	Cordie Nelson Allison Winter
7 th Grade	Megan Kim Mason Reed
8 th Grade	Chase Wager Mariah Tarr



Jr. Challenger Baseball

6th/7th/8th grade boys are invited to come out for a competitive baseball program playing a local Rogue Valley Middle School Schedule with RVUA umpires.

Mandatory Parent/Player Meeting
Monday, January 30 • 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
GCS Fireside Room

For more information, contact Bryan Coggins at (541) 601-9905.

Extended Enrichment (EE) News



February 3rd is a school in-service day and a minimum day. EE **will** be open after-school from dismissal (11:35 am) until 6:00 pm. If you already have a Super Pass, your child is covered for this minimum day.

Otherwise a \$10 charge will be added per session to your account. **February 20th** is Presidents Day. EE **will not** be open on this day.

Please contact the EE office with any questions at 541-858-7260 or by email EEenrichment@gracechristian.org.



Nicaragua Mission Team News

SPAGHETTI FEED FUNDRAISER THANK YOU!

To our Grace and Cascade students, parents, and staff: The Nica 2012 Spring Break Mission Trip team and the administration would like to thank you for your generous support at the Spaghetti Feed fundraiser on January 17th. The team was able to raise a profit of \$850! We would also like to thank Mrs. Spence and her culinary students for the very tasty meal that they prepared and to thank Mrs. Mann for her assistance in setting up our event. The evening was a night to remember with basketball game wins, delicious food, fellowship, the honoring of Grace middle school students, and half time entertainment by our future CCHS cheerleaders. If you missed out this year, be sure to watch for us next year. Our prayer is to make this an annual event! Please remember to keep the Nica mission team in your prayers as they prepare for their March 22-30, 2012, trip to Nicaragua.

PANDA EXPRESS FUNDRAISER – FEBRUARY 4



The Nica 2012 Spring Break Mission Trip is right around the corner. Your continued involvement as 12 CCHS students raise the last of their support money is greatly appreciated! We invite you to dine at **Panda Express** on **Saturday, February 4th** as the mission team's last big fundraiser. The team will receive 20% of the proceeds when an order is **accompanied by the voucher attached to this newsletter**. Please feel free to make copies of the voucher and invite family and friends. *(We do ask that you do not pass out the voucher on Panda Express property.)* Why not stop by on your way to the CCHS home

basketball games! ¡Gracias!

Pastor Appreciation Day

At Student Ministry Chapel on **Friday, March 2**, we will honor our pastors for their considerable impact upon our lives. GCS students are encouraged to invite your Senior Pastor, Teaching Pastor, Youth Pastor, or Childrens' Pastor to join us on this special day. Our invited guests will have the opportunity to sit with "their student" in Chapel and also attend a Thank You reception to recognize them as partners with us in influencing young lives. Begin thinking now which Significant Person (or Persons!) in your life to invite to this special event. Printed invitations will be provided to GCS students the week of February 6, with additional copies available in the office for your use. "The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching." I Timothy 5:17 NIV

Raise Money for Cascade Christian High School Nica 2012 Spring Break Mission Trip

Date: Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012

Time: 11:00 AM - 08:00 PM

Location: Panda Express

Present this flyer from 11:00 AM – 08:00 PM and

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